

Pre-Algebra

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Welcome to Pre Algebra. This course is for students with solid computational skills and number sense. Students are introduced to new concepts and use them in problem solving situations. The main focus will be a transition from arithmetic operations to equation and variable manipulation. Students will develop reasoning skills and the vocabulary of mathematics in alignment with the California Mathematics Content Standards. Success is enhanced by good reading comprehension and study skills. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be recommended for Algebra 1A.

Classroom Expectations

General Guidelines:

- Everyone is expected to **be respectful** of other students and the teacher.
- Please **be on time, in your seat, and begin working when the bell rings**. Detention will be given to students who are not in their seat working when the bell rings.
- Please **stay in your seat until the bell** to dismiss you rings.
- Please observe all school policies and rules in the classroom.

Consequences:

The following actions may be taken upon failure to follow classroom rules:

1. Students will be asked to move to different seats in the room.
2. Student(s) will be taken outside of the classroom and given a verbal warning / detention will be given to the student(s).
3. Parents will be notified by the teacher / a referral will be given to the student.

Absences:

- Students who are absent must get notes from another student who was in class.
- Homework may be made up if a student's absence is excused. Late homework is only viewed on Fridays after school. It will be graded on the spot by the instructor as the student waits.
- A student may make up a test or quiz with the instructor on Fridays after school. The student must notify the instructor beforehand. Makeup tests are generally more difficult than the in-class test. Tests may not be made up during class time.

Materials

The following materials must be brought to school every day. Failure to bring materials will result in detention.

- **Automatic Pencils:** Students will be expected to bring automatic pencils to class every day for notes and work. There is no pencil sharpener in the classroom, so automatic pencils are necessary.
- **Paper:** Paper should be brought to class every day
- **Textbook:** You are required to bring your textbook every day.
- **No Calculators:** Calculators are not allowed in this classroom unless expressly permitted.

Grading Policy

Grading Table:

You may use the following grading scheme to keep track of your grade in class.

Grade Breakdown					
Classwork	30%				
Tests	70%				
Extra Credit	Less than 05%				
Total	Greater than 100%				
Grading Scale					
A+ > 100%	A ≥ 93%	A- ≥ 90%	B+ ≥ 87%	B ≥ 83%	B- ≥ 80%
C+ ≥ 77%	C ≥ 73%	C- ≥ 70%	D+ ≥ 67%	D ≥ 63%	D- ≥ 60%

Classwork:

- Classwork is given every day. Most unfinished classwork must be handed in before the class is over. From time to time, classwork assignments may be finished at home. Late work is not accepted.
- Notes and classwork are randomly checked at least twice per week.
- Each checked assignment is worth up to 10 points, unless stated otherwise.
SCALE: PERFECT WORK=10 pts. - AVERAGE=7 pts. - PASSABLE=4 pts.

Tests:

- Tests are given every Friday to measure student understanding of this subject.
- Make-up tests will be given on Fridays after school for students who have an excused absence.
- Regular tests with scores under 65% may be made up to 65% by contacting the instructor after school for two or more after-school study sessions. The full 65% will only be awarded if the instructor has been assured that the student has complete understanding of material covered. Midterms and final exams are not allowed to be made up in this manner.

Extra Credit/Projects:

- Extra credit and projects may be given in class from time to time. These can boost your grade by as much as 5%. Extra credit work is not guaranteed to be given by the instructor.

-----GUARDIAN FORM-----
CUT THIS PORTION OFF AND RETURN IT TO THE INSTRUCTOR
(Please write neatly)

Student Name:_____ Parent/Guardian Name:_____

Student E-Mail:_____ Parent/Guardian E-Mail:_____

Day Phone:_____ Night Phone:_____

Relation To Student:_____

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING IF TRUE:

_____ My child has a computer at home that (s)he can do work upon.

_____ My child has daily access to the Internet at home.

_____ My child has daily access to a working printer at home.

I have read and fully understand the attached classroom expectations and grading policy:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Student Signature:
